

House Resolution No. 4658

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize the Every Step Counts Organization and the Walk in Her Shoes Program, who are observing October 1 through 7, 2007, as Domestic Violence Survivors Celebration Week; and

Whereas, the Every Step Counts Organization and the Walk in Her Shoes Program feel that domestic violence and sexual assault, which affect people of all ages, races, and socioeconomic backgrounds, are intolerable crimes and have no place in our society; and

Whereas, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of fifteen and forty-five, more than muggings and auto accidents combined, and in the United States, a woman is beaten every nine seconds; and

Whereas, in Missouri in 2005, there were fifteen hundred rapes reported and more than forty thousand cases of domestic violence, which is all the more shocking considering that nine out of ten rapes go unreported and only half of domestic abuse cases are reported; and

Whereas, the Every Step Counts Organization and the Walk in Her Shoes Program are committed to bringing citizens together to educate our entire population about what can be done to prevent domestic violence and sexual assault and increase support to survivors, their friends and loved ones, and the agencies that provide services to survivors; and

Whereas, during the Domestic Violence Survivors Celebration Week, state and federal agencies, consumer groups, and women's organizations will provide public awareness activities and events dedicated to the celebration of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincere appreciation to the Every Step Counts Organization and the Walk in Her Shoes Program for the invaluable work they do every day and to congratulate them for their observance of October 1 through 7, 2007, as Domestic Violence Survivors Celebration Week; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Every Step Counts Organization and the Walk in Her Shoes Program.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
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I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4658, adopted September 6, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker